IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
Friday 6th May 2016

Tuesday 10th May  
Friday 13th May  
Monday 16th May  
Wednesday 18th May  
Friday 19th May  

Naplan testing commences, Tues, Wed, Thurs  
Platypus Incursion  
EDUCATION WEEK STARTS : HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY  
OPEN DAY & OPEN EVENING  
Scholastic Book fair commences. (PA meeting 2pm)

NEWSLETTER

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Our Amazing Murals Are Unveiled!

Monday marked a special day for our community as our three murals were unveiled next to the Bendigo Bank in the Main Street of Upwey. The large project led by Mrs. Andi Kittredge has been in progress since last year and involved the contribution of several very special volunteers: Bev Pergl, Jenny Mathews, Danielle Quarmby and Kelly O’Brian. In addition to this several of our students made large contributions to the project. Well done everyone and thank you for creating something so amazing to share with our local community!

A very proud time for Upwey Primary School

When our School Community gets together to create such amazing murals for our Township.
It's a very special thing!
WELL DONE!
P/1C Tyler
For working hard to learn all his Golden Words. Well done.

P/1C Dominic
For working hard to complete all his unfinished work. Well done.

3E Charli
For displaying a willingness to persevere in order to master mathematical concepts.

3E Jessica
For a determined commitment during class discussions to think and share her thoughts in all areas of the curriculum.

3E Art Award Caitlin
For always being a thoughtful class member and for taking her time to do her best work. Your effort and care shows in your artwork.

4LEnviro Ed Ben
For being a responsible group member and leader during our cooking session. Thank you for volunteering to do all of the dishes. Well done!

4L Hunter
For outstanding attitude towards reading in the classroom and at home.

4L Ash
For great work with your homework and getting 100% on Math Mate.

4L Ben
For great work with your homework and getting 100% on Math Mate.

4L Finn
For getting 100% on Math Mate homework.

TRIBES AWARD ROSIE
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: always being willing to help others pack up.

TRIBES AWARD ROBBIE
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: an excellent attitude in all class activities.

TRIBES AWARD OLIVIA
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: doing her personal best in all activities and commitment to improvement in Maths.

TRIBES AWARD SANDY
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: for joining in during the public speaking debates and also explaining word meanings to the class.
A Fancy Breakfast at The Langham
James, Kurtis and I were very fortunate this week to be invited to a rather lavish breakfast engagement at The Langham Hotel on Southbank. The breakfast which was held to announce the winners of the Leader Community Grants was quite a treat, where some delicious pastries and other delights were being served. Although we weren’t the winners in our local area, it was an honour to be invited and a wonderful experience for our School Captains. James and Kurtis are to be commended on their ability to talk about our school and our current projects.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you so much to our Parents Association for organising the Mother’s Day Stall that was held today in the library. Our students were so excited to attend and buy something special for their mothers and grandmothers. We very much appreciate all the hard work our PA put into such events.

It’s NAPLAN Week!
Next week our Year Three and Five students will sit NAPLAN testing. It is assumed that all students in these Year levels will participate, unless parents have made prior arrangements with teaching staff. NAPLAN, although just one test on one day, does give you as parents and us as teachers one perspective of where a child is at with their learning in comparison to their peers. If you have any questions about the testing I encourage you to look at this website: http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/naplan/parents/index.aspx Any further questions can be directed towards classroom teachers or myself.

Education Week Activities
From Monday 16th to Friday 20th May schools across Victoria will be celebrating Education Week. Please see our list of planned activities below:

| Monday 16th May: School House Cross Country |
| Tuesday 17th May: 11:30 – 12:30: Maths Games Hour |
| Wednesday 18th May: Open Day and Evening – Come and see us engaged in learning! |
| Thursday 19th May: Continuous Reading Chair |
| Friday 20th May: Professor Maths Incursion |

School Council
We had our School Council meeting last night and I have some great information and initiatives to share with the wider community. Look out for next week’s newsletter to hear about some of our plans for our Hall/Courtyard area.

Upcoming Book Fair
Our wonderful Parent’s Association have organised our yearly Book Fair to begin on Friday 20th May. Students will have the opportunity to fill in a wish list and can then come and purchase books up until Wednesday 25th May.

Working Bee – Let’s Paint the BASC Room
Thank you so much to Mrs. Eeles, Zdenka Kollarova, Renee Prochazka, Lauren Dwyer and Amahle H for all their assistance with the painting of the BASC room last night. We have completed the first coat of the front of the building and it is looking fresher already. We have had very few people sign up for the working bee on Sunday, probably due to Mother’s Day so will postpone it for now. Please keep a look out in future newsletters for upcoming dates.

App of the Week – ShowMe Interactive Whiteboard - Free
Turn your iPad into your personal interactive whiteboard!
ShowMe allows you to record voice-over whiteboard tutorials and share them online. It’s an amazingly simple app that anyone can use no matter how young or old!
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INTUITIVE AND POWERFUL
- Record your ShowMe tutorial right away — no manuals or complicated menus needed.
- Drop in images onto the whiteboard.
- Easily switch between drawing and erasing (as well as pausing and playing) to make your ShowMe flow from concept to concept.
- You can make your ShowMe as long or as short as it needs to be, and record as many ShowMe’s as you want. Go nuts!
- Once you’re finished recording, upload your ShowMe to share with the community (or keep it private if you prefer).
- Discover awesome tutorials created by other members of the ShowMe community.

A Variety of Uses
- Easily explain a range of topics from math to chemistry to music theory to basket weaving.
- Add ShowMe’s to your Do-It-Yourself blog
- Attach a personal message to any travel photos you want to share
- Diagram offensive and defensive strategies for sports
- Use ShowMe as an interactive whiteboard substitute
- Implement a “flipped classroom”
- Showcase your ShowMes online and share your knowledge with your students, friends, family, or the world!

Features
Voice record
Multiple brush colors
Enter text
Pause and erase
Import pictures from your photo library, built-in camera, or web image search
Import documents as pictures from dropbox, or google drive
Create video from any document
Unlimited lesson length
Free to upload and share your recordings with friends
Easy embedding for sharing anywhere
Manage students with Groups

Get to know an Upwey-ian

Introduce yourself:
Hi I’m Laura, I love art and Minecraft.
Tell us about your family. My family and I are super close.
Do you have any pets?
Yes I have a cat and I want a guinea pig.
What is your favourite subject at school and why? I love Art because we do fun things and I love it.
How would you spend $100000? On toys, lots of toys.
What do you like about Upwey PS? It’s small but that means I know everyone and know my way around.

No Jab No Pay – 30 April deadline

From 1 January, the No Jab No Pay policy came into effect to lift immunisation rates and provide a stronger incentive for immunisation.

Parents were given from 1 January until 18 March (or a later date if previously notified by the Department of Human Services) to meet the immunisation requirements to keep receiving Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. Those parents who did not take steps to meet the requirements will no longer receive child care payments from 2 May 2016.

Due to the rise in the number of children vaccinated over the past few months, there was a delay in processing vaccination records, with some states and territories needing extra time to update the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register.

As the delay was beyond the parent’s control and may have resulted in their child’s information not being up-to-date, child care payments continued to be paid to allow time for the register to be updated.

On 2 May, however, the Department of Human Services will undertake analysis to determine who had met the immunisation requirements by the 18 March deadline. Those who had not will lose child care eligibility for each child who did not meet the requirements, and may have to repay any child care payments they received between 18 March and 30 April.

Parents have been advised to check that their child’s immunisation records are up-to-date on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register using their Medicare online account through myGov, or by using the Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

The Department of Human Services will notify parents if they have been overpaid child care fee assistance.
WEEK 4 TERM 2

Its been busy mornings and afternoons with large numbers which makes it fun for everyone with lots of friends to hang out with! Thank you to the Wickenton Family for donating games which have been well received by us and been a great change to the things to do list!

Thank you to the Huaraka Family for moving house and donating toys, dolls and Barbies! The children as well as the playgroup have enjoyed this addition (Boys included!!).

Thank you to the Prochazka family for donating a shelving unit—after a sort out of the toys we will be making good use of this!

On that note if you are having a clear out, kitchen, toy room or anywhere please by all means contact me and see if we can use it—we love recycling!

Have a great weekend spoiling your Mum (or Dad), Nan, Auntie, Step Mum.

Love George

CHECK IT OUT!!!

THE BASC ROOM REVAMP HAS STARTED.

THANKS TO OUR BUSY BEES WHO HAVE STARTED PAINTING THE EXTERIOR. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE CHANGES OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

Crossword Puzzle

Down:
1. We cook this some afternoons
2. This can be heard when Sticks talks jokes
3. Great Shot is often heard when we play this
4. Popular Breakfast
5. Making sure everyone feels like they can join in

Across:
1. Members of our school
2. Our colour is BLUE
3. Our numbers average 15 most days - we now have this for some days!
4. This has started and we are changing the colour of our Building
PA News

We need some help for a number of upcoming events…let the Office know if you can volunteer some time!

**Friday Breakfast** – Gavin has asked if we could find a parent or two to help with breakfast on Fridays – we will ask some senior students to help, but we do need adults as well. Required from 8.10 – 9.10am – let us know if you would like to help out.

**Family Portrait Fundraiser with Curiouser Photography** – get online and make your booking for this fantastic offer - $25 gets you a 20 min session outdoors with Danielle Q and a framed 8X10 photo of your choice. All money from bookings goes to our school and we thank Danielle Q for being generous with her time and talent! Bookings at [www.curiouser.com.au/fundraiser](http://www.curiouser.com.au/fundraiser)

**Mothers’ Day Stall** – Our Mothers day stall was a huge success this morning, It was bigger than the Boxing Day sales. Thanks to the PA mums, especially Kelly who baked delicious treats and made some wonderful gifts.

**Scholastic Bookfair** – from Friday 20/5 – Wednesday 25/5 - 3.15 – 4.00pm need some volunteers to man the stall in the Library on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25/5 – let the Cindy know if you can help.

**Upwey Primary School Trivia Night** – Saturday 23/7 – make sure you save the date! More information soon.

**Bookclub Rewards** – those who have been ordering from Scholastic Bookclub have been contributing to some great resources for our school – the latest are two indigenous themed rugs for our Prep/1 and Enviro Ed classrooms – stop by and have a look.
### Term 2, 2016 - Upwey Primary School

#### School Family Calendar

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Students in 4L and 5/6W are building stacked pot planters for the garden. They had to drill holes in the bottom of the pots to stack onto a pole and will be designing and painting their pots in small groups.